

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Residents present were Tim McCumber, Marsha Jones, Dennis Beich, Steve Peetz, Frank Grant, Rob Maier, Nancy Grant, Judy Ashford and Richard Grant. The Clerk-Treasurer read the minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting. Peetz moved, Jones seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed. The Annual Financial Statement and audit was presented. There were no questions. McCumber moved, Nancy Grant seconded, to approve the reports. Motion passed. There being no other business Jones moved, Peetz seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed.

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING**

7:10 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Present were Richard Grant, Chair; Steve Peetz, Supervisor; Marsha Jones, Supervisor; Judy Ashford, Clerk-Treasurer and Tim McCumber, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. Grant called the meeting to order and determined that it had been properly noticed. Grant moved, Peetz seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2004 meeting. Motion passed. Peetz moved, Jones seconded, to approve the financial reports. Motion passed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk noted information from General Engineering regarding building inspection services; a request from Sauk Co. Emergency Governemnt asking for identification of possible hazards in the town; and a notice of a Sauk Co. Board of Adjustment meeting April 22.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Beich reported on meetings of the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Assn. The building they are using is on leased ground, which the hospital needs for expansion. The hospital has offered a matching funds of \$75,000 if the Ambulance Assn. would consider a new building elsewhere. The hospital would do some fund raising and, if successful, there would be \$150,000 available. Municipalities in the ambulance district may also need to provide funding for a new building in addition to the current levy for service. Grant noted he attended a Sauk Co. Planning & Zoning session held for town officers to review county codes. Most noteworthy for the town is Sauk Co.'s directive to inspect and verify old septic systems that are not currently on the three year maintenance program. McCumber has been obtaining information on the building permit and UDC compliance regulations. It appears that the State, which is requiring building inspections on new homes, does not yet have a plan to monitor new building. McCumber reported that the National Heritage Land Trust will award a Stewardship Award to the town for the conservation of the Clingman property. He said it was an honor since there are only five awards being given. Peetz reminded everyone that the spring cleanup will be held on May 15 from 9:00 to 2:00 at the town hall. There will be small fees collected for some items. Notices will be posted on the town's bulletin boards.

Grant announced that Detective Sergeant Joseph Welsch from the Sauk Co. Sheriff's Department was present to provide information on boat patrols on Lake Wisconsin. This appearance was in response to concerns residents have regarding violations of the "Slow No Wake" buoys at Moon Valley. The town has an ordinance, adopted in 1994, which regulates where and how those buoys are placed. Sgt. Welsch said that Sauk County receives some funding from the State for the Sheriff to provide some boat patrols on various lakes in the county. The boat patrol works in conjunction with DNR wardens to enforce boating regulations. The DNR warden in Columbia County is retiring this year and will not be replaced because of state budget constraints, therefore patrol coverage on the lakes, which is limited, will be further limited. The boat patrol issues citations and the major violation is the Slow No Wake zones. Boats are not permitted to create a wake within 100 feet of a pier, but many do.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

McCumber reported on further research into the purchase of a laptop computer. He had three options available and recommended the Gateway for \$2275 because it would be most compatible with the town's current computer; Gateway provides good service and their products are good quality. Jones asked what the necessity was to have a laptop. McCumber said he works from home and has town records on his own personal computer; those records should be on a town owned computer. He also can use a laptop computer on site to issue building permits. He would also have a data base available to him on site. Grant said the town has always had two computers and there is now only one at the town hall. Grant moved to approve the purchase. Peetz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The board considered Planning & Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the Final Plat for PAD #13-04 for the commercial development of storage warehouses on Hwy 78 north of the Village. Peetz moved, Jones seconded, to approve the Final Plat. Motion passed with Chairman Richard Grant abstaining. McCumber stated that the Development Plan/Preliminary Plat for Devil's Head was an amendment to their original PAD for a golf course. This amendment would permit Devil's Head to build some condominiums near the new golf course; town board approval would allow Devil's Head to move to the second stage of development. Grant moved, Jones seconded, to approve the amendment to PAD #11-03. Motion passed.

Grant took up an amendment to the agenda to review and possibly revise Town of Merrimac Ordinance #2-94 regulating boating at Moon Valley, specifically the requirement for the Moon Valley owner to place four "Slow No Wake" buoys there. Ray Laufenberg, who owns property on Oak Rd., requested to address the board regarding his and other residents' concerns over speeding boats, which ignore the "Slow No Wake" buoys. Laufenberg explained problems with missing buoys and speeding boats. The buoys are now placed, by ordinance, in the bay by Moon Valley and one is located north of Hwy 78 and the railroad tracks. Laufenberg would like to see either the addition of a fifth buoy or moving one of the buoys closer to the main body of Lake Wisconsin. There was discussion with Grant stating that the missing buoy was not missing, but had been placed on his order in the location it should have been in. Grant and Laufenberg have had discussions with DNR Warden, John Buss. Buss is willing to place GPA coordinates on a new location for a buoy. The town's ordinance will need to be revised. Grant suggested that the location be noted in print as being placed on a line from the dividing line between tax parcels 026-0077 and 0078 to the dividing line between tax parcels 026-0941 and 0942. Peetz moved to revise the ordinance as discussed and to hold a public hearing on the ordinance revision as required because there are fines for violation of the ordinance. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

McCumber had received applications for seven pier permits. Grant asked if all the paperwork was filed timely and in order. Grant moved to approve the applications; Jones seconded.

Grant asked for board approval of the appointment of Judy Ashford as Clerk-Treasurer for a two year term. Peetz so moved; Jones seconded. Motion passed. Grant asked for approval of the appointment of Tim McCumber as Town Administrator for one year. His zoning responsibilities would remain and he would work under the supervision of the board. Grant moved approval; Peetz seconded. Motion passed. Salaries of \$12,000 for each appointment were approved, to be effective April 1, 2004. Peetz moved, Jones seconded, the appointment of Nathan Taylor as alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ashford reported on the proposal from Brussell, Miller, the accounting firm that prepares the annual financial statement, Form C and the annual audit. The firm has proposed continuing the work for \$3400 for 2004, \$3550 for 2005 and \$3700 for 2006. Peetz moved, Jones seconded, approval of a three-year contract. Motion passed.

Grant noted that Sauk Co. Board of Adjustment would consider a request for a boathouse to be located on a residence at Eagle Pt. He asked for board approval to attend the hearing and comment on the town's support of Sauk County's Shoreline Ordinance, which was adopted as part of the town's Zoning Ordinance. McCumber asked if the applicant should also appear before the Town Board of Appeals. He noted that no building permit had been requested for a boathouse yet. Grant said he would consult with the town's attorney and Sauk Co. Planning and Zoning.

Grant and Ashford must attend the Badger Intergovernmental Group meeting on May 4; therefore the town board will meet at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. approval; Richard Grant abstained. Motion passed.

Peetz moved to adjourn; Grant seconded. Motion passed.

**Town Officers:** Richard Grant, Chair, 493-2106; Marsha Jones, Supervisor, 644-0506; Steve Peetz, Supervisor, 493-2669; Judy Ashford, Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588; Tim McCumber, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Zoning Administrator, 643-6332. **Assessor:** Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. E-mail address: [townmerr@merr.com](mailto:townmerr@merr.com). **Note: Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Please contact any of the above listed people with questions.** Town website: <http://www.tn.merrimac.wi.gov>.